SHERVANI): (a) As per the reports available so far, with the Government, 649 women are affecte; with AIDS out of which 39 women have given birth to children.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

FERA Violations by private satellite channels

2944. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA. Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any instances of FERA and other such violations by private satellite channels operating from the country have been brought to the notice of Government, during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what action has so far been taken in these cases; and

(d) how payment by these channels is made to the satellite owners?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Investigation made by the Enforcement Directorate have revealed suspected violation of the provision of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act by three such companies.

(c) Some persons connected with one of the said companies were arrested. Adjudication proceedings have also been initiated against the said company and its chairperson and managing director. Investigations are still in progress in respect of the other two companies.

(d) Payments to the satellite owners, appear to have been made through unauthorised channels without the permission of the Reserve Bank of India.

Construction of Hotels, Motels and Yatri Niwas in the country

2945. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme with regard to construction of more hotels, motels, and Yatri Niwas in the country particularly in the State of Punjab during the year 1996-97;

(b) if so, the details with locations thereof; and

(c) the total fund likely to be proposed by the Central Government to the State of Punjab in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) to (c) The Department of Tourism, Government of India extends financial assistance to State/Union Territory Governments for various schemes based on the specific proposals received. There is no scheme for providing financial assistance for construction of hotels and motels. Financial assistance is provided to the State/Union Territory Governments under specific guidelines for the construction of Yatri Niwases Tourists Bungalows, Tourist Complexes, Wayside Amenities, etc. The State Government of Punjab has not submitted any proposal for financial assistance for the construction of Yatri Niwases during 1996-97. However, in consultation with the State Government, the expansion of existing tourist complexes at Ropar and Jullundur have been prioritised for providing financial assistant during 1996-97.

Criteria for posting and transfer of Staff in CGHS

2946. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the offices and departments in Delhi where CGHS is functioning as an allied service;

(b) the policy and criteria for posting of staff and officers at such places;

(c) the policy and criteria for transfer of such staff and officers;

(d) whether Government are aware that posting at one place for a long period results into nexus and malpractices; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken to avoid long
stay of officers and staff at one place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY

WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) CGHS is not an allied service. CGHS is a subordinate office of Dte. General of Health Services.

(b) and (c) Generally in Delhi the officers and staff are, transferred on completion of a specified tenure in a particular place, keeping in view the exigencies of work and public interest.

(d) and (e) A practice of transfering officers and staff from time to time, is being followed with a view to improving efficiency and rotating the incumbents.

Shortage of Malaria Drugs in Gujarat

2947. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that there is acute shortage of malaria drugs to control P. Falciperum Strain of malaria in the State of Gujarat and other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take to make essential malaria drugs available in plenty in Gujarat and other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) As reported by the Directorate of National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP) and the Govt. of Gujarat, there is generally no shortage of anti-malaria drugs to control P. Falciparum malaria in the Country including the State of Gujarat.

These drugs are procured and supplied to the States/UTs According to their technical requirements.

Increase in seizure of foreign currency

2948. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of the seizure of foreign currency have increased in 1995 and 1996;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken to initiate action against the persons involved in smuggling of foreign currency; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) The Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

सेवानिवृत कर्मचारियों और वरिष्ठ नागरिकों (वृद्धों) को सी.जी.एच.एस. की सेवायें उपलब्ध कराना

2949. श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे: क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार सेवा-निवृत कर्मचारियों और बेसहारा वरिष्ठ नागरिकों (वृद्धों) के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना का सेवाओं को उपलब्ध कराने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके लिए क्या मानदंड निर्धारित किए गए हैं;

(ग) सरकार ने उक्त योजना को किन-किन राज्यों में लागू किया है; और

(घ) अब तक कितने लोगों को इस योजना के अन्तर्गत लाया गया है?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) (श्री सलीम इकबाल शेरवानी): (क) और (ख) केन्द्रीय सरकार के पेंशनर और संसद के भूतपूर्व सदस्य, उच्चतम न्यायालय और उच्चन्यायालय के सेवा निवृत्त न्यायाधीश स्वतंत्रता सेनानी, भूतपूर्व राज्यपाल, भारत के भूतपूर्व राष्ट्रपति आदि, कहां-कहां केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना कार्यरत है, निर्धारित अंशदान का भुगतान करने के बाद केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना चिकित्सीय सुविधाओं का लाभ उठा सकते है।

केन्द्रीय सरकार पेंशनर, जो केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना, द्वारा कवर न किए गए क्षेत्रों में रह रहें हैं, भी केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना द्वारा कवर निकटतम शहर में अपना पंजीकरण करवा सकते है और केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना चिकित्सीय सुविधाओं का लाभ उठा सकते हैं।

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार स्वास्थ्य योजना निम्नलिखित राज्यों में कार्यान्वित की गई है:—

1. दिल्ली
2. उत्तर प्रदेश
3. मध्य प्रदेश
4. राजस्थान
5. बिहार